

Listing of the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A patient support including:
a support surface, and
a siderail having a siderail covering comprising a flexible body having a
plurality of notches defined in the body, the flexible body being able to flex so as to alter the size of the notches.
2. (Currently Amended) The siderail covering patient support of claim 1, further comprising a central siderail-receiving aperture adapted to receive a rail member therein.
3. (Currently Amended) The siderail covering patient support of claim 2, further comprising a slot extending from an outer edge of the body to the central siderail-receiving aperture.
4. (Currently Amended) The siderail covering patient support of claim 1, wherein the flexible body is made of foam.
5. (Currently Amended) The siderail covering patient support of claim 1, further comprising a longitudinal axis, wherein the body flexes about an axis that deviates from being parallel with the longitudinal axis of the siderail covering.
6. (Currently Amended) The siderail covering patient support of claim 1, defining a siderail channel therein adapted to receive a siderail therein.
7. (Currently Amended) The siderail covering of claim 6, wherein A siderail covering comprising a flexible body having a plurality of notches defined in the body, the flexible body being able to flex so as to alter the size of the notches and defining a siderail channel therein adapted to receive a siderail therein, the siderail corridor extends extending within the flexible body and at least one of the plurality of notches.
8. (Currently Amended) The siderail covering patient support of claim 1, wherein the plurality of notches include a first set of notches and a second set of notches.
9. (Currently Amended) The siderail covering patient support of claim 8, wherein expansion of at least one of the notches in the first set of notches and contraction of at least one notch in the second set of notches is associated with a curvature of the siderail covering.
10. (Currently Amended) The siderail covering of claim 8, wherein A siderail covering comprising a flexible body having a plurality of notches defined in the body, the flexible body being able to flex so as to alter the size of the notches, the plurality of notches including the a first set of notches is on a first side of the flexible body and the a second set of notches is on a second side of the flexible body.

11. (Currently Amended) A ~~siderail~~patient support comprising:
a support surface, and
a siderail including a flexible body including a flexible material having a plurality of laterally extending apertures and a rail member positioned at least partially inside the flexible body.

12. (Currently Amended) The ~~siderail~~patient support of claim 11, wherein the rail member is an articulating rail member.

13. (Currently Amended) The ~~siderail~~patient support of claim 11, wherein the laterally extending apertures are triangular in cross section.

14. (Currently Amended) The ~~siderail~~patient support of claim 11, wherein the flexible body includes a central rail member aperture therein configured to receive a rail member therein.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~The siderail of claim 14, wherein~~ A siderail comprising:
a flexible body including a flexible material having a plurality of laterally extending apertures, and
a rail member positioned at least partially inside the flexible body, the flexible body
including a central rail member aperture therein configured to receive a rail member therein
and the rail member extends extending within the central rail member aperture and through at least one of the plurality of laterally extending apertures.

16. (Withdrawn) The siderail of claim 14, wherein the flexible body further includes an outer edge and a seam that extends between the outer edge and the central rail member aperture.

17. (Withdrawn) The siderail of claim 16, wherein the seam extends longitudinally along the flexible body.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~The siderail of claim 11, wherein the flexible material is~~
A siderail comprising:
a flexible body including foam having a plurality of laterally extending apertures, and
a rail member positioned at least partially inside the flexible body.

19. (Currently Amended) The ~~siderail~~patient support of claim 11, wherein the flexible body includes a plurality of repeating segments along a longitudinal axis of the body.

20. (Currently Amended) The ~~siderail~~patient support of claim 19, wherein each repeating segment is pivotable relative to adjacent repeating segments.

21. (Currently Amended) A ~~siderail for use with a bed~~patient support comprising:
a support surface; and

a siderail including a body comprising a flexible material having a plurality of adjustably sized notches therein, the body having a first longitudinal end, a second longitudinal end, and a body centerline extending within the body between the first longitudinal end and the second longitudinal end, the body having a first position in which the body centerline is straight, and the body having a second position in which the body centerline is curved.

22. (Currently Amended) The siderail-patient support of claim 21, wherein the first longitudinal end is located at a higher elevation than the second longitudinal end when in the second position.

23. (Currently Amended) The siderail-patient support of claim 21, wherein the body includes a plurality of repeating segments.

24. (Currently Amended) The siderail-patient support of claim 23, wherein each repeating segment has a longitudinal segment centerline.

25. (Currently Amended) The siderail-patient support of claim 24, wherein the body centerline is coextensive with the segment centerlines of the plurality of repeating segments.

26. (Currently Amended) The siderail-patient support of claim 23, wherein each repeating segment is pivotable relative to adjacent repeating segments.

27. (Original) A patient support comprising:

an articulating deck including a first deck section and a second deck section able to be articulated relative to the first deck section;

a first siderail portion coupled to the first deck section;

a second siderail portion coupled to the second deck section; and

a siderail covering coupled to the first siderail portion and the second siderail portion, the siderail covering comprising a body having a plurality of adjustably sized apertures defined therein.

28. (Original) The patient support of claim 27, wherein articulation of the deck causes adjustment of the adjustably sized apertures.

29. (Original) The patient support of claim 27, wherein the adjustably sized apertures are triangular in cross section.

30. (Original) The patient support of claim 27, further comprising a rail member, wherein the siderail covering includes central rail member aperture therein adapted to receive the rail member therein.